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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF FRANCISTOWN AIRPORT

1. BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS JANUARY 24 REPORTS OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR THAT FRANCISTOWN AIRPORT, WHICH HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN SINCE JANUARY 11, IS NOW OFFICIALLY CLOSED TO PERMIT ENGINEERS TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF REPAIRS TO BE MADE ON MAIN RUNWAY. CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO KNOW HOW LONG THE MAIN RUNWAY AT FRANCISTOWN WILL BE CLOSED ALTHOUGH LIMITED USE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WHEN THE CURRENT RAINS CEASE AND THE RUNWAY DRIES OUT.

2. AT THE MOMENT, ALL AIR PASSENGERS DESTINED TO OR FROM FRANCISTOWN ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT OR DEPART FROM SELEBI-PIKWE, SOME 130 KM AWAY. DAILY NEWS ARTICLE ALSO SAYS THAT EXPENSIVE AIR OR ROAD CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SELEBI-PIKWE AND FRANCISTOWN HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED BY THE SCHEDULED AIRLINES. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS LIKELY THAT PASSENGERS BOUND TO OR FROM FRANCISTOWN MAY HAVE TO RELY ON THEIR OWN MEANS TO CONTINUE THEIR TRIP FROM
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OR TO SELEBI-PIKWE.

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